

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are set forth in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2004 (the "Final Office Action"). As this amendment has been timely filed within the three-month statutory period, neither an extension of time nor a fee is required. Presently, claims 1 through 11 are pending in the Patent Application. In paragraph 1 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner has requested that the Applicant provide a substitute specification in order to render the specification more readable. In paragraph 2 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite based upon the phrase "said selected web page fields" on line 11 of claim 1, and based upon the term "system" in line 1 of claim 11. Finally, in paragraph 3 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,278,449 to Sugiarto et al. in view of United States Patent No. 6,766,163 to Sharma .

In response, the Applicant has attached hereto a substitute specification complying with 37 C.F.R. 1.125(a). Additionally, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 to cure the noted typographical errors. Specifically, in claim 1, the Applicant has deleted the term "selected" where the term modified "web page fields". Moreover, in claim 11, the Applicant deleted the term "system". Finally, due to the helpful telephonic discussion with the Examiner subsequent to the mailing of the Final Office Action, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 to emphasize that "a user can specifically select how to update different individual fields in the display". Accordingly, it is believed that the amended claims overcome the Sugiarto and Sharma references as stated by the Examiner.

Nevertheless, the Examiner has located a pertinent new reference entitled, Vinod Anupam, Yuri Breitbart, Juliana Freire and Bharat Kumar, Personalizing the Web Using Site Descriptions, in Proceedings of the 10th International Workshop on Database & Expert Systems Applications at 732 (September 1, 1999)(“Anupam”). The Anupam reference teaches a personalization system entitled “MyOwnWeb” which views a personalized page as a set of logical queries against Web sites. In the Anupam system, a user can specify the conditions under which each query needs to be re-executed and the page refreshed.

Specifically referring the first full paragraph on page 6 of the Anupam reference, it is stated:

One important characteristic of Web information is that it may change frequently. News sites such as CNN may be updated every hour, financial sites usually update stock prices every 20 minutes, weather updates come every 3 hours, online classified ads change daily, and so on. In order to accommodate this feature, our system lets users specify for each query the refresh interval, and in case that is not provided, the default is set to whatever smaller refresh frequency appears in the set of pages that contribute to the query.

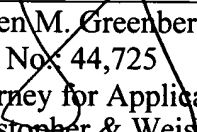
Clearly, in the MyOwnWeb system, a query is directed to an entire page and not fields in a page. As such, only an entire page can be refreshed at one time and the interval can be set according to the “lowest common denominator”.

The amended claims 1 and 11 differ from the Anupam reference in that the web page fields within a Web page are individually set to refresh either in real-time, or in a background process. Thus, the Anupam reference does not teach the Applicant’s invention as claimed in that the Anupam system cannot refresh fields in a Web page differently. Rather, in the Anupam reference, all fields in a single page must be refreshed at the same interval..

In conclusion, the Applicant believes that the amended claims 1 through 11 distinguish over the previously cited and newly located art and stand patentable and ready for an indication of allowance. To that end, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based upon the Applicant's amendments to the claims, and owing to the foregoing remarks. This entire application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, such action is respectfully requested. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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